GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BREAST CANCER IN WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of breast cancer is on rise among women in Urban areas in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The Population Based Cancer Registry conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research during 1982 − 1996 reveals that breast cancer is on the rise in urban sites.

(b): The National Cancer Control Programme was initiated in the year 1975. Subsequently it was revised in the year 1984-85 with emphasis on primary prevention and early detection of cancer, including breast cancer. Various schemes were introduced under the programme in order to strengthen cancer control activities in the country. Under the Xth Five Year Plan, the schemes have been modified to further augment the existing facilities. The focus is on covering the geographical gaps for providing comprehensive cancer care in the country.